

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 2 after the title and prior to the first paragraph, kindly add the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the priority filing benefit of International PCT Application PCT/GB2004/004900 filed November 20, 2004, to be published under PCT 21(2) in the English language and Great Britain Patent Application Serial No. GB 0407210.4 filed March 31, 2004.

Kindly further amend the specification as stated below. A copy of the specification with the hereinbelow amendments made thereto and marked is attached to this paper as Exhibit B.

Page 2, lines 28-29, after the word "steps:", insert --providing a substrate;--

Page 2, line 31, after "foam", insert --leaving some of the foam uncoagulated;--

Page 3, line 1, before the word "coagulated" insert --the--.

Page 3, lines 10-14, insert the following paragraph:

--The coagulant may be allowed to coagulate some of the foam for a period in the range 60 to 180 seconds. The step of removing uncoagulated foam may comprise removing an outer layer of the foam to leave an inner layer of coagulated polymeric material on the substrate. The outer layer may be removed before a skin has formed on the outer surface of the foam layer. --

Page 4, lines 6-30, after the word "substrate", insert the following text:

--Alternatively, the fluid may be a gas, which may be at least predominantly air. The gas may be directed as a jet. The spray of liquid or jet of gas may have a pressure in the range 1 to 10,

or more preferably in the range 1 to 4 bar. The fluid may be directed at an angle in the range 0° to 45° to the normal to the surface of the substrate.

Alternatively, the step of removing uncoagulated foam from the substrate may comprise immersing the substrate in liquid, for example water.

After removing the uncoagulated foam from the substrate, the method may further comprise the step of immersing the substrate in water to remove coagulant. The substrate may then be dried, for example by placing the substrate in an oven.

A number of suitable coagulants may be used. The coagulant may be either an aqueous solution or an alcoholic solution of one or more electrolytes. The electrolytes may comprise one or more of formic acid, acetic acid, calcium nitrate and calcium chloride.

Before applying coagulant to the substrate, the substrate may be placed on a mould, which may be composed of one or more of metal, ceramic, fibreglass and plastic. The mould may take the form of a portion of the garment or, alternatively, may take the form of a complete garment. The garment may, for example, be a coat, an apron, a boot, a shoe, a sock, an item of underwear, a glove or a corset. --

Page 6, line 31, after "material;", insert --providing an array former;--

Page 6, line 32, after "on", insert --the array--, and delete "a dot".

Page 7, lines 1-2, after "curing the", insert --layer of coating--, and delete "dots".

Page 7, line 3, after "the" on line 32, insert --array--, and delete "dot".

Page 7, lines 8-9, after "so that the", insert --layer of--.

Page 7, line 9, delete "dot".

Page 7, line 10, after "between the", insert --layer of coating--, and delete "dots".

Page 7, line 12, after "The", insert --layer of--, and delete "dot".

Page 7, line 16, after "The", insert --layer of--, and delete "dot".

Page 7, line 17, after "the", insert --layer of-- , and delete "dot".

Page 7, line 19, after "The", insert --layer of-- , and delete "dot".

Page 7, line 23, insert the following paragraph:

--The array of discrete areas of coating may comprise an array of dots or alternatively may comprise a combination of an array of dots and strengthening patches.--

Page 7 line 31 to page 8, line 12, insert the following text:

--According to a tenth aspect of the invention there is provided apparatus for producing garment material comprising a mould arranged to support a substrate, foam application means arranged to apply a foam of a polymeric material to the substrate, and foam removing means arranged to remove uncoagulated foam from the substrate to leave a layer of coagulated polymeric material on the substrate.

The apparatus may further comprise dot application means arranged to apply a dot coating to the layer of coagulated polymeric material.

The apparatus may also comprise at least one of washing means arranged to remove any residue from the garment material, drying means arranged to partially dry the washed garment material, and curing means arranged to cure the dot coating.--